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I am a recreational boat-based saltwater angler that has been fishing the South Central Coast Study Region for over 30 years. Recreational anglers who "take" such a small percentage of the resource are under the strictest bag, season and area limits in history. It already goes too far; it is to the point where the voluminous rules and regulations have literally sucked most fun out of fishing. I must respectfully refuse to support any further attempt, scheme or plan, including the MLPA, to deny citizens their freedom to fish recreationally. For me, saltwater fishing represents the very pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. It is a passion, and I know many who feel the same way. With this in mind the only package I can give even grudging support to is Package 0. I must voice my strong, even vehement opposition to Packages 2 and S.

I am perplexed and deeply concerned that none of the Packages appear to base any no-take Marine Reserve on the already closed area around Diablo Power Plant. It is a de-facto reserve already and should be so represented. It would also help if more detailed boundary maps were readily available. I have an intense interest in the exact boundaries of the proposals yet cannot readily access that information.

I must also voice that the lack of public outreach, to include the *average* recreational salt water sport fisher, and average citizens, is evident in the lack of public comment from that very user group on this very web page. There are literally tens of thousands of recreational fishers that will be outraged if either Package 2 or Package S are adopted or even given serious consideration. It is not unreasonable to predict major protests, the likes of which haven't been seen since the Vietnam War, if that happens. The large swaths of marine reserves, effectively denying our ability to use the resource, are simply unacceptable.

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